

Academic Year: ( 2022 / 2023 )

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Department assigned to the subject: Social Sciences Department

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Type: Compulsory ECTS Credits : 6.0

Year : 3 Semester : 1

**DESCRIPTION OF CONTENTS: PROGRAMME****SECTION 1:ANALYZING POLITICS: CONCEPTS, TECHNIQUES AND MODELS.**

2. Social Choice: Preferences. Interests. Aggregation. Collective action.
3. Positive political economy: Market agents. Political actors. Political-economic equilibrium.
4. Models of electoral competition: Downsian approach. Probabilistic voting models. Citizen-candidate. Partisan politics.
5. Voting: Agency problems. Accountability. Selection.

**SECTION 2: INSTITUTIONS: DESIGN AND PERFORMANCE**

6. Institutional structure: States and markets. Regulation. Bureaucracy. Institutional coordination. Varieties of capitalism.
7. Economic institutions. Political institutions. Institutions as rules and equilibria. Institutional change and stability.
8. Transaction costs. Time-consistency problems. Credible commitments. Reputation.
9. Political institutions and policy outcomes. State capacity. Political Regimes. Economic growth. Poverty. Development.

**SECTION 3: POLITICS OF REDISTRIBUTION**

10. Models of redistributive politics. Preferences for social insurance. Welfare state.
11. Distributional consequences of political institutions. Electoral systems. Coalition governments. Pork-barrel politics. Lobbying.

<b>% end-of-term-examination:</b>	60
<b>% of continuous assessment (assignments, laboratory, practicals...):</b>	40

**BASIC BIBLIOGRAPHY**

- Weingast, B.R and Wittman, D.A. Oxford Handbook of Political Economy, Oxford, 2009